

Electrostatics

- Q. Find the ratio electric force to gravitational force between
 (i) proton and electron
 (ii) proton and proton
 (iii) electron and electron.

$$\therefore F_E = \frac{K q_1 q_2}{r^2} ; \quad F_G = \frac{G m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{F_E}{F_G} = \frac{K q_1 q_2}{G m_1 m_2}$$

- (i) proton and electron

$$q_p = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} C$$

$$q_e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} C$$

$$m_p = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} Kg$$

$$m_e = 9.1 \times 10^{-31} Kg$$

$$\therefore \frac{F_E}{F_G} = \frac{K q_1 q_2}{G m_1 m_2} = \frac{9 \times 10^9 \times (1.6 \times 10^{-19})^2}{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 9.1 \times 10^{-31} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}}$$

$$\frac{F_E}{F_G} = 2.37 \times 10^{39}$$

- (ii) proton and proton

$$\Rightarrow \frac{F_E}{F_G} = \frac{9 \times 10^9 \times (1.6 \times 10^{-19})^2}{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times (1.6 \times 10^{-27})^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{F_E}{F_G} = 1.34 \times 10^{36}$$

- ∞ (iii) electron and electron

$$\therefore \frac{F_E}{F_G} = \frac{9 \times 10^9 \times (1.6 \times 10^{-19})^2}{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times (9.1 \times 10^{-31})^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{F_E}{F_G} = 4.17 \times 10^{42}$$

Q. Two small insulated copper sphere A and B of some size have their centers 50 cm apart in air.

- (i) Find the mutual force of repulsion if charge on each is $6.5 \times 10^{-7} C$.
- (ii) What would be the force of repulsion if the charge in each sphere is doubled and distance between them be halved.
- (iii) A third identical uncharged sphere C to be touched with 'A' and then with 'B' and finally removed away. (2)

$$(i) F = \frac{K q_1 q_2}{r^2} = \frac{9 \times 10^9 \times (6.5 \times 10^{-7})^2}{(50 \times 10^{-2})^2} = 0.01521 N$$

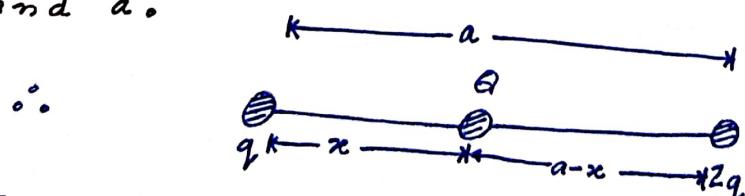
$$(ii) F' = \frac{K (2q_1)(2q_2)}{(r/2)^2} = 16 F = 0.24336 N$$

$$(iii) F = \frac{q_1 q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 K r^2} = \frac{F}{K} = \frac{0.01521}{81} = 1.87 \times 10^{-4} N$$

$$(iv) \text{Final charge on } A = q/2 \\ B = 3q/4$$

$$\therefore F = \frac{K \frac{q_1}{2} \cdot \frac{3q_2}{4}}{r^2} = \frac{3}{8} \frac{K q_1 q_2}{r^2} = \frac{3}{8} \times 0.01521 = 0.0057 N$$

Q. Two point charges q and $2q$ are at a distance ' a ' apart from each other in air. A third charge ' Q ' is to be placed along the same line such that the net force acting on q is zero. Calculate the position of charge Q in terms of q and a . Ans



$$\therefore F_{\text{net on } q} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{K q' Q}{x^2} + \frac{K q' 2q}{(a-x)^2} = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{Q}{x^2} + \frac{2q}{(a-x)^2} = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\therefore Q = -\frac{2q x^2}{a^2}$$

$$F_{\text{net on } 2q} = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{2Q q}{(a-x)^2} + \frac{2q^2}{a^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{Q}{(a-x)^2} + \frac{q}{a^2} = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$Q = -\frac{q}{a^2} \cdot (a-x)^2$$

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$$+\frac{2q'x^2}{a^2} = +\frac{q'}{a^2}(a-x)^2$$

$$\sqrt{2} \frac{x}{a} = \frac{a-x}{a}$$

$$\therefore x(1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{a}) = a \quad a = x(\sqrt{2} + 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}+1} \text{ Ans} \approx$$

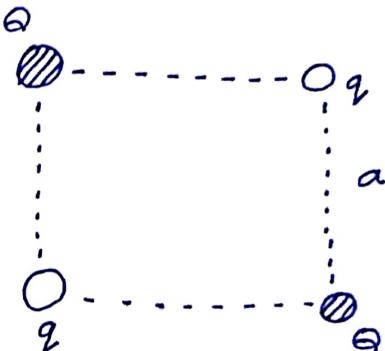
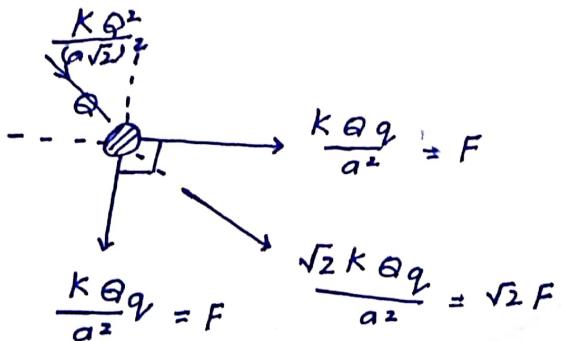
Q. 2 equal point charges $Q = +2\mu C$ are placed at each of two opposite corner of a square at equal point charges q at each of the other two corner what must be the value of q so that the resultant force on Q is zero.

$$\therefore \text{Force on } Q = 0$$

Hence

$$\frac{KQ \cdot Q}{(a\sqrt{2})^2} + \sqrt{2} \frac{KQq}{a^2} = 0$$

As,



$$\Rightarrow \frac{Q}{2a^2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}q}{a^2} = 0$$

$$q = -\frac{Q}{2\sqrt{2}} \text{ Ans}$$

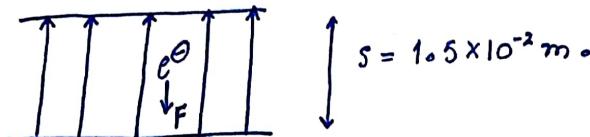
Q. An electron is separated from a proton by a distance of 0.53 \AA . Calculate the electric field at the location of electron.
 $E = \frac{kq}{r^2}$; As hydrogen nucleus only have one proton.

$$\Rightarrow q = q_p = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

$$\therefore E = \frac{q \times 10^9 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}}{(0.53 \times 10^{-10})^2} = 27.16 \text{ N/C} \text{ Ans} \approx$$

Q. An electron falls through a distance 1.5 cm in an uniform electric field of magnitude $2 \times 10^4 \text{ N/C}$. The direction of the field is reversed and a proton falls through the same distance. Calculate the time of fall in each case ignoring gravity. (4)

\therefore



$$\therefore F_e \Theta = q_e E = (1.6 \times 10^{-19})(2 \times 10^4) = 3.2 \times 10^{-15} \text{ N}$$

$$\text{Hence, } a_{eff} = \frac{F}{m_e} = \frac{3.2 \times 10^{-15} \text{ N}}{9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}} = 3.51 \times 10^{15} \text{ m/s}^2.$$

\therefore Using eq of motion:

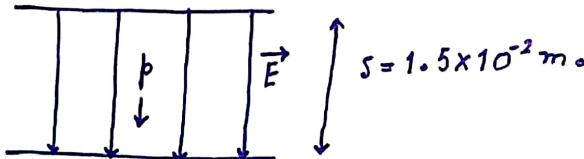
$$u = 0$$

$$\therefore s = ut + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

$$(1.5 \times 10^{-2}) = \frac{1}{2} \times 3.51 \times 10^{15} \times t_{fall}^2$$

$$\Rightarrow t_{fall} = 2.92 \times 10^{-9} \text{ s}$$

Now,



$$\therefore F_p = (1.6 \times 10^{-19})(2 \times 10^4) = 3.2 \times 10^{-15}$$

Hence,

$$a_{eff} = \frac{3.2 \times 10^{-15}}{1.67 \times 10^{-27}} = 1.91 \times 10^{12} \text{ m/s}^2$$

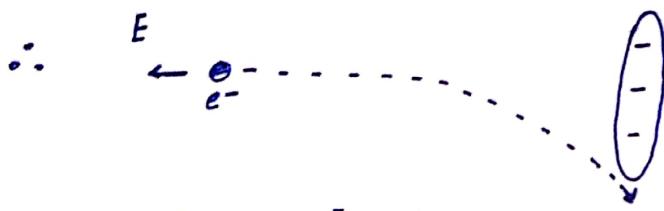
$$\therefore s = ut + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

$$(1.5 \times 10^{-2}) = \frac{1}{2} \times 1.91 \times 10^{12} \times t_{fall}^2$$

$$t_{fall}^2 = \frac{2 \times 1.5 \times 10^{-2}}{1.91 \times 10^{12}}$$

$$t_{fall} = 1.57 \times 10^{-14} \text{ s. } \underline{\underline{Ans}}$$

Q. From what distance should a 100eV electron be forced towards a large metal plate having a surface charge density $2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C m}^{-2}$, so that it just fails to strike the plate.



$$\Rightarrow V_{e\ominus} = E \text{ due to plate}$$

$$100 = \frac{V}{E_0} d$$

$$\therefore d = \frac{100 \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12}}{2 \times 10^{-6}} = 4.425 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m.}$$

Q. Four equal charges q are brought from ∞ to the four corners A, B, C and D of a square of side a . Compute the work required in bringing

- (i) The first charge.
- (ii) The second charge.
- (iii) The third charge.
- (iv) The fourth charge.
- (v) What will be the electrostatic potential energy of the whole system.

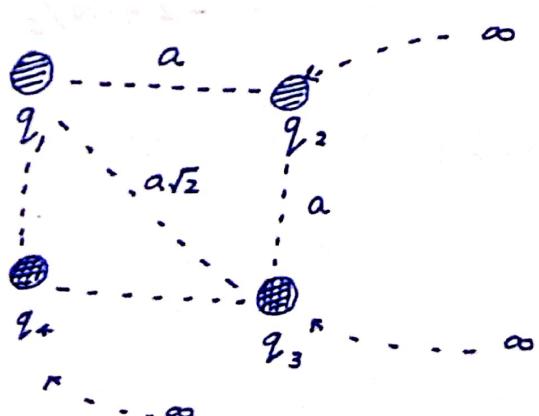
$$\therefore W_{q_1} = 0$$

$$\text{Now; } W_{q_2} = \frac{k q_1 q_2}{a}$$

$$W_{q_3} = \frac{k q_1 q_3}{a\sqrt{2}} + \frac{k q_2 q_3}{a}$$

$$W_{q_4} = \frac{k q_1 q_4}{a} + \frac{k q_2 q_4}{a\sqrt{2}} + \frac{k q_3 q_4}{a}$$

$$\therefore U = \frac{k q_1 q_2}{a} + \frac{k q_1 q_3}{a\sqrt{2}} + \frac{k q_2 q_3}{a} + \frac{k q_1 q_4}{a} + \frac{k q_2 q_4}{a\sqrt{2}} + \frac{k q_3 q_4}{a} \cdot \text{Ans.}$$



- Q. An electron revolves around the nucleus of hydrogen atom in a circular orbit of radius 5×10^{-11} m. Calculate:
- Intensity of electric field of nucleus at the position of the electron.
 - Electrostatic potential energy of hydrogen nucleus and electron system.

iii) An electric field is expressed in terms of potential:

$$V = 4x^2 + 3y^3 - 9z^2$$

Compute the intensity of the field at point (2, 3, 4).

$$i) \therefore E = \frac{Kq_p}{r^2} = \frac{9 \times 10^9 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}}{5 \times 10^{-11} \times 5 \times 10^{-11}} =$$

$$ii) U = \frac{Kq_1 q_2}{r} = \frac{9 \times 10^9 \times (1.6 \times 10^{-19})^2}{5 \times 10^{-11}} =$$

$$iii) E = -\nabla V = -\text{grad}(V)$$

$$\therefore V = 4x^2 + 3y^3 - 9z^2$$

$$\nabla V = 8x\hat{i} + 9y^2\hat{j} - 18z\hat{k}$$

$$\nabla V \Big|_{(2,3,4)} = 16 + 9(9) - 18(4) = 16\hat{i} + 81\hat{j} - 72\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \nabla V = 25$$

$$\Rightarrow |E| = |\nabla V| = \sqrt{16^2 + 81^2} = 109.8 \text{ N/C} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

Q. A spherically symmetric charge distribution of radius R is characterised by the charge distribution.

$$f(r) = \begin{cases} f_0 \left(1 - \frac{r^2}{R^2}\right) & \text{for } r \leq R \\ 0 & , r > R \end{cases}$$

- Calculate the
- Total amount of charge
 - Electric field strength at a point P of distance r from the
 - inside and
 - outside
 - The charge distribution.

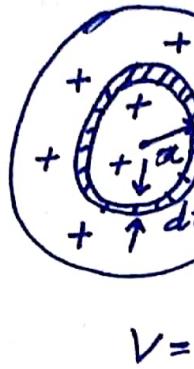
iii) The value of r from which electric field is maximum.

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$$\text{Given } dq = \sigma dV$$

$$\Rightarrow \int dq = \int_0^R \sigma \left(1 - \frac{r^2}{R^2}\right) \cdot 4\pi r^2 dr$$

$$= \sigma \cdot 4\pi \int_0^R r^2 dr - \frac{r^4}{R^2} dr$$



$$Q = 4\pi \int_0^R \left[\frac{R^3}{3} - \frac{R^5}{5R^2} \right]$$

$$= 4\pi \int_0^R \left[\frac{5R^3 - 3R^3}{15} \right]$$

$$Q = \frac{8\pi R^3 \sigma}{15} \quad (\text{Ans})$$

ii) According to Gauss Law

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$$\text{inside} \quad \int \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\therefore Q_{in} = \int_0^r \int_0^r \left(1 - \frac{r^2}{R^2}\right) \cdot 4\pi r^2 dr dr$$

$$Q_{in} = 4\pi \int_0^r \left[\left[\frac{r^3}{3} \right] - \frac{1}{R^2} \cdot \left[\frac{r^5}{5} \right] \right] dr$$

$$E \cdot 4\pi r^2 = \frac{4\pi \int_0^r}{\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{r^3}{3} - \frac{r^5}{5R^2} \right]$$

$$\therefore \vec{E} = \frac{\int_0^r}{\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{r}{3} - \frac{r^3}{5R^2} \right] \text{ Ans.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{iii, outside} \quad \int \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\therefore Q_{out} = \int_0^R \int_0^r \left(1 - \frac{r^2}{R^2}\right) \cdot 4\pi r^2 dr dr$$

$$Q_{out} = \frac{8\pi \int_0^R r^3}{15}$$

$$\therefore \vec{E} = \frac{2 \int_0^R r^3}{\epsilon_0 15 \pi R^2} \text{ Ans.}$$

$$\therefore \text{iii, } \frac{dE}{dr} = \frac{\int_0^r}{\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{1}{3} - \frac{3r^2}{5R^2} \right] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{3} - \frac{3r^2}{5R^2} = 0$$

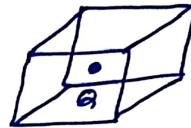
$$r = \frac{5R^2}{9}$$

$$r = \frac{R\sqrt{5}}{3} \text{ Ans.}$$

Q. A point charge of 10^{-6} C is situated at the center of a cube of 1 m side. Calculate the electric flux through its surface. (7)

\therefore According to Gauss's Law

$$\therefore \phi_E = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$



$$\therefore \phi_E \text{ through cube} = \frac{10^{-6}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\phi_E \text{ through surface of cube} = \frac{10^{-6}}{6\epsilon_0} = 18832.39 \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2}{\text{C}} \text{ Ans} \approx \\ = 1.88 \times 10^5 \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2}{\text{C}}$$

Q. In a region of space the electric field is given by $\vec{E} = 8\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + \hat{k}$. Calculate the electric flux through the surface $100\hat{k}$.

$$\therefore \phi_E = \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = (8\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + \hat{k}_0) \cdot (100\hat{k}) = 100 \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2}{\text{C}} \text{ Ans} \approx$$

- Q. A polyethene rubbed with wool is found to have $-3 \times 10^7 C$.
 (a) Calculate no. of electrons transferred also state from which the transfer of e^- took place.
 (b) Is there a transfer of mass from wool to polyethene.

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$$\therefore (a) \Rightarrow q = ne$$

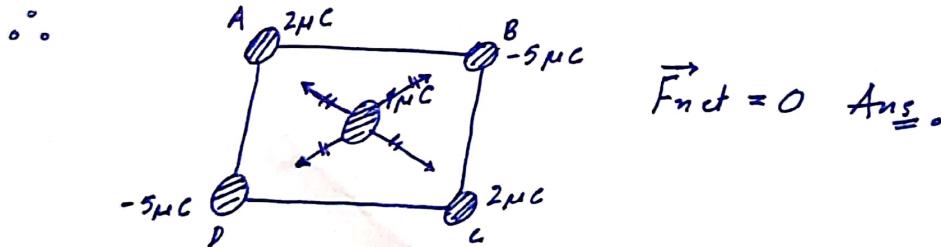
$$-3 \times 10^7 = n \times (-1.6 \times 10^{-19})$$

$$n = 1.875 \times 10^{26} \text{ Ans}$$

\therefore As polyethene have negative charge.
 $\Rightarrow e^-$ s transferred from wool to polyethene.

(b). Yes, transfer of mass also takes place.

- Q. Four point charges, $Q_A = 2\mu C$, $Q_B = -5\mu C$, $Q_C = 2\mu C$ and $Q_D = -5\mu C$ are located at the corner of square ABCD of side 10 cm. What is the force on a charge of $1\mu C$, placed at the centre.



- Q. Charge on an electron is 1.6×10^{-19} and it's mass is $9 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$. Calculate the acceleration of an electron in an electric field of $9 \times 10^5 \text{ N/C}$.

$$\therefore F = qE$$

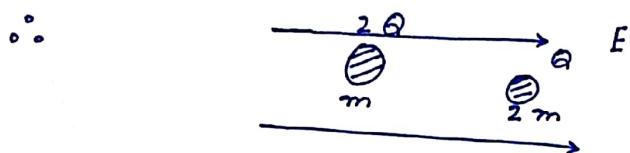
$$F = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 9 \times 10^5$$

$$F = 1.44 \times 10^{-13} \text{ N}$$

$$\therefore a = \frac{F}{m} = \frac{1.44 \times 10^{-13}}{9 \times 10^{-31}} = 1.6 \times 10^{17} \text{ m/s}^2 \text{ Ans.}$$

Q. Two charged particles of masses $c_1 m$ and $c_2 m$ have charges $+2Q$ and $+Q$ respectively, they are kept in uniform electric field and allowed to move for the same time. Find the ratio of their kinetic energies.

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$\therefore a_1 = \frac{2QE}{m}, \quad a_2 = \frac{QE}{2m}$

$\therefore \frac{K\epsilon_1}{K\epsilon_2} = \frac{m}{2m} \left(\frac{v_1}{v_2} \right)^2$

$\therefore v_1 = a_1 t$
 $v_2 = a_2 t$

$\therefore \frac{K\epsilon_1}{K\epsilon_2} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{2QE}{m \cdot QE} \cdot 2^2 \right]^2 = \frac{4 \times 4^2}{2} = 8 \text{ Ans} \underline{\underline{s}}$

Q. A point charge of $10^{-9} C$ is placed at the origin. Find the potential $V_A (1, 2, 2)$ and $B (4, 4, 2)$.

$\therefore V_A = \frac{kq_1}{|\vec{r}_1|} = \frac{kq_1 \cdot \vec{r}_1}{|\vec{r}_1|^2} = \frac{kq_1 \cdot (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})}{|\vec{r}_1|^2}$

$\vec{r}_1 = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$
 $|\vec{r}_1| = \sqrt{1+4+4} = 3$

$V_A = \frac{9 \times 10^{-9} \times 10^{-9} \times (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})}{9}$

$\therefore |V_A| = \sqrt{(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})} = 3V \text{ Ans} \underline{\underline{s}}$

$\therefore V_B = \frac{kq}{|\vec{r}_B|} = \frac{9 \times 10^{-9} \times 10^{-9}}{6^2} = 1.5V \text{ Ans} \underline{\underline{s}}$

Q. To what potential function at a point is given by $V = x(3y^2 - x^2 + z) V$. Find the components of electrostatic field at that point.

$\therefore E = -\nabla V$

$\nabla = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \hat{k}$

$\therefore E = -\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (3y^2x - x^3 + zx) \hat{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (3y^2x - x^3 + zx) \hat{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (3y^2x - x^3 + zx) \hat{k} \right]$

$$E = - \left[(3y^2 - 3x^2 + z)\hat{i} + 6x\hat{j} + x\hat{k} \right]$$

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$$\therefore \vec{E} = (3x^2 - 3y^2 + z)\hat{i} - 6x\hat{j} - x\hat{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_x = 3x^2 - 3y^2 + z$$

$$E_y = -6x \quad \text{Ans}.$$

$$E_z = -x$$

Q. To what potential must be charge insulated sphere 22.1 cm radius so that it's surface density may be 1 C/m^2 .

$$\therefore \sigma = \frac{Q}{A}$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = \sigma \cdot A$$

$$= 1 \times 4\pi (22.1 \times 10^{-2})^2$$

$$Q = 0.6137 \text{ C}$$

$$\therefore V = \frac{kQ}{r^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \times \frac{\sigma \times 4\pi r^2}{r}$$

$$V = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{1}{8.85 \times 10^{-12}} = 1.012 \times 10^{11} \text{ V Ans}.$$

Q. Show that $V = \frac{A}{r} + B$ satisfy Laplace equation where A and B are constant and r is the magnitude of position vector.

$$\therefore \boxed{\nabla^2 V = 0} \rightarrow \text{Laplace Equation}$$

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{div}(\operatorname{grad} V) = 0$$

$$\therefore V = \frac{A}{r} + B$$

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

$$\therefore \operatorname{grad} V = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \hat{k} \right) \left(\frac{A}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} + B \right)$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-1/2} \hat{i} + A \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-1/2} \hat{j} + \frac{A}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-1/2} \hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \operatorname{grad} V = -\frac{A}{r^2} \left(\frac{x \hat{i} + y \hat{j} + z \hat{k}}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \right) + 0$$

$$\operatorname{grad} V = -A \left(\frac{x \hat{i} + y \hat{j} + z \hat{k}}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \right)$$

$$\operatorname{div}(\operatorname{grad} V) = -A \left(\frac{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2} - \frac{3x}{r} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{1/2} \cdot (2x)}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^3} \right)$$

$$+ \frac{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2} - \frac{3y}{r} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{1/2} \cdot (2y)}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^3}$$

$$+ \frac{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2} - \frac{3z}{r} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{1/2} \cdot (2z)}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^3} \right)$$

$$\nabla^2 V = -A \left(\frac{r^2 - 3x^2}{r^5} + \frac{r^2 - 3y^2}{r^5} + \frac{r^2 - 3z^2}{r^5} \right) = \frac{3r^2 - 3(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)}{r^5} = 0$$

Hence,

$$\boxed{\nabla^2 V = 0}$$

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